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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Valery POULBOT) : Examiner: Steven D. Maki
Application No.: 09/913,744) : Group Art Unit: 1733
Filed: January 10, 2002) :
For: RUNNING TREAD FOR TIRE)
AND TIRE COMPRISING SAME : December 9, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

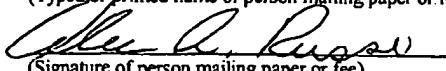
This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 9, 2004.

Please amend the specification and abstract as indicated in the substitute specification and abstract attached hereto.

Please amend claims 1-13. The amended claims find support in the originally filed application and claims, as explained further in the Remarks section below. In accordance

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